| Police Scotland logo | Freedom of Information Response Our reference: FOI 25-0481  Responded to: 24 February 2025 |
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Your recent request for information is replicated below, together with our response.

## I am writing to request information under the Freedom of Information Act. Please can you provide me with the following information, separated into calendar years, from 2020 to 2025:

## The number of sexual crimes reported at swimming pools in Scotland (this can include the pool area, changing room area, or anywhere people would use in connection with attending a swimming pool. Please would you separate the crimes into specific crimes e.g. sexual assault, indecent exposure, and any others).

Unfortunately, I estimate that it would cost well in excess of the current FOI cost threshold of £600 to process your request. I am therefore refusing to provide the information sought in terms of section 12(1) of the Act - Excessive Cost of Compliance.

By way of explanation, we cannot search by locus as such each sexual crime report would have to be manually assessed for relevance to swimming pools and to crime type.

To be of assistance you may wish to see [How we are performing - Police Scotland](https://www.scotland.police.uk/about-us/what-we-do/how-we-are-performing/) for crime data per council and divisional areas.

## Details of any advice, recommendations, or guidance issued by Police Scotland regarding the handling, prevention, or prosecution of sexual offences at swimming pools.

## Whether Police Scotland has forwarded concerns or recommendations on this issue to any other bodies, such as COPFS, local authorities, swimming pool operators, or the Scottish Government, and if so, any related correspondence or reports.

Police Scotland do not hold any guidance or recommendations specifically relating to swimming pools. As such the information sought is not held by Police Scotland and section 17 of the Act therefore applies.

If you require any further assistance, please contact us quoting the reference above.

You can request a review of this response within the next 40 working days by [email](mailto:foi@scotland.police.uk) or by letter (Information Management - FOI, Police Scotland, Clyde Gateway, 2 French Street, Dalmarnock, G40 4EH). Requests must include the reason for your dissatisfaction.

If you remain dissatisfied following our review response, you can appeal to the Office of the Scottish Information Commissioner (OSIC) within 6 months - [online](http://www.itspublicknowledge.info/Appeal), by [email](mailto:enquiries@itspublicknowledge.info) or by letter (OSIC, Kinburn Castle, Doubledykes Road, St Andrews, KY16 9DS).

Following an OSIC appeal, you can appeal to the Court of Session on a point of law only.

This response will be added to our [Disclosure Log](http://www.scotland.police.uk/access-to-information/freedom-of-information/disclosure-log) in seven days' time.

Every effort has been taken to ensure our response is as accessible as possible. If you require this response to be provided in an alternative format, please let us know.